(b) three out of eight have been commissioned recently and the working results are yet to be finalised. Out of the remaining five, three are making profits and two are losing.

(c) All necessary amenities are being provided.

Central Grant to Union Territories

2598. SHRI P.M. SYEED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita amount of Central grant to each of the Union Territories during each of the last three years;

(b) whether there percapita amount of central grant to Lakshadweep is comparatively less than other Union Territories;

(c) whether the Union Government have received any request to increase the per capita amount of Central grant to Lakshadweep; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The Union Territories except Pondicherry are allocated funds under Plan and Non-Plan on the basis of estimates/schemes projected by the Union Territories and availability of resources with the Union Government. In view of above, sectoral and administrative needs, and not population, is the criteria for allocation of funds to a Union Territory. Entire expenditure in case of Union Territories, except Pondicherry, is met by the Central Government. In case of Pondicherry, the Union Government provides central assistance and loan to meet the deficit in the Budget of the Government of the Union Territory.

Distribution of Gas to Rural Areas Through Pipelines

2599. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to have a network of pipelines for the distribution of the gas to the rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI. B. SHANKRANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The present projections of availability of natural gas do not permit setting up of such a network of pipelines.

Journalists Injured by Police Action

2600. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of journalists were injured by police action while demonstrating near the Parliament House on December 24, 1991; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The Delhi Police have reported that on 24.12.1991, the police had resort to use of tear-gas to disperse demon-

strating journalists near Parliament House. The demonstrators had broken a police cordon and started running towards Red Cross Road/ Parliament House thereby wilfully violating prohibitory orders u/s 144 Cr. P.C. A case u/s 188 IPC was registered against them at Parliament Street Police Station. In all, 289 demonstrators were detained u/s 65 of the Delhi Police Act. They were subsequently released at about 2 P.M. that very day. The Delhi Police have further eported that no demonstrator was injured.

Documentary Film on 'Rajiv Gandhi"

2601. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Russian producers have shown interest in making a film on former Prime Minister Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi and visited India in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government are providing any financial and technical assistance to such producers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Mrs. Vera Federchenko film director of M/s Central Studio, Moscow along with the filming crew visited India in Jan, 92 to shoot the documentary.

(c) and (d). The Government of India have not extended any financial assistance to the project. The Rajiv Gandhi Foundation facilitated access to all venues and interviews with concerned persons. The XP Division. MEA provided technical assistance by facilitating access to Govt. organisations such as Doordrshan, All India Radio, Photo Division, and Films Division for obtaining audio and visual footage in accordance with the normal rules applicable in such cases.

De-Addiction Hospitals

2602. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to open de-addiction hospital in Calcutta with the help of Bedford Centre of U.S.;

(b) the estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to open such hospitals in other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The Indian Chamber of Commerce Calcutta foundation, Calcutta, proposes to set up a Drug Rehabilitation Centre at Calcutta with consultancy agreement with the Betty Ford Centre, USA.

(b) The estimated cost is Rs. 401 lakhs.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

Kerala Women's Commissions Bill 1991

2603. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPLAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has sent the Kerala Women's Commission Bill, 1991 for President's assent;

(b) when it was received; and

(c) when it is likely to be accorded President's assent?